

**Minutes**  
**Joint Powers Meeting**  
**SLFD 30785 Forest Blvd, Stacy, MN 55079**  
**March 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

**LENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm and the pledge was recited.

Present for Lent by roll call: B. Seekon, C. Cagle, T. Nelson, J. Eischens, R. Keller

Present for Stacy by roll call: T. Sawatzky, M. Lawrence, J. Carlson, M. Utecht

Present for Fire: T. Potrament, N. Dodge, E. Coen, N. Peltier, S. Olson

**REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA**

**B. Seekon made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by T. Nelson. By a roll call vote, motion passed 5-0 for Lent.**

**M. Utecht made a motion to concur with Lent. Second by M. Lawrence. By a roll call vote, motion passed 4-0 for Stacy.**

**APPROVE THE DECEMBER 7, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

**B. Seekon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the December 7, 2020 meeting. J. Eischens seconded. By a roll call vote, motion passed 5-0 for Lent**

**M. Utecht made a motion to concur with Lent. J. Carlson seconded. By a roll call vote, motion passes 4-0 for Stacy.**

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief T. Potrament reported on the following:

- 28 members
  - Newest person in class
  - One new applicant and one on file
  - Would like 30+ members
  - Has been difficult to obtain members
- 73 runs this year
- 82 hours
- Call numbers are down from last year at this time

**RELIEF ASSOCIATION REPORT**

N. Peltier presented the investment gains and loss report. The balance in checking is \$45,280.47 and H & H is \$786,278.69 with a loss of \$4,741.89 YTD. N. Peltier stated that he is resigning from the Relief Association as fund manager. If another member does not take over, the State Board of Investments will handle the fund. The Joint Powers will have to sign an agreement in order for the funds to be turned over to the State. Per the request of the Relief Association board, the leaders need to sign the release statements for N. Peltier's departure. N. Peltier said they will do tax forms and take care of audits. N. Peltier said there was no interest to take it on in-house.

M. Utecht asked what the process would be to take the money back out from the Association Fund. They take into consideration what you are vested at for what value. N. Peltier said we are vested at 5 years. N. Peltier has tried to keep it at 100% but their increases may be different. There is another person on the relief association that is also resigning so there will be two positions open. N. Peltier said he will retain the treasurer work. There was discussion regarding who could take over for N. Peltier and changing the bylaws to reflect the change. M. Utecht asked if there has been any kind of vote from department members agreeing to turn it over to the state. N. Peltier said it would be a good idea to get the paperwork started to be signed but to still look for a different option. He said he would not leave the position without a resolve.

**R. Keller made a motion to sign the transfer of funds to the State Association while looking for a better option with in-house members and get a discussion going. B. Seekon seconded.**

T Nelson asked that one member of each board be present at meetings to discuss the options. There are 6 voting members with the Chief as the tie breaker of the department staff. B. Seekon asked if this has been brought to the general membership. It was a 50/50 vote for and against. N. Peltier said it took a lot of years to learn the job.

**By a roll call vote, motion passed 5-0 for Lent.**

**M. Utech made a motion to concur with Lent. J. Carlson seconded. By a roll call vote, motion passed 4-0 for Stacy**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Budget**

None

#### **Radio Maintenance Discussion**

M. Utecht said they are taking the remaining money and putting it in a line item for the radios. They are waiting on a grant application. T. Nelson asked why there was a difference in the radio maintenance fund because they had \$7K left over from the radio line item and \$11K from the budget remaining balance. Both were put into the fund for a total of \$18K. The cost of a radio is \$4k (each).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Approve Chief and Assistant Chief**

**B. Seekon made a motion to approve T. Potrament as Chief and S. Olson as the Assistant Chief. C. Cagle seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, motion passed 5-0 for Lent.**

**M. Utecht made a motion to concur with Lent. J. Carlson seconded the motion.**

**By a roll call vote, motion passed 4-0 for Stacy.**

C. Cagle introduced the new members from each board.

**Stacy Council:**

Mark Utecht  
Marie Lawrence  
Jennie Carlson  
Tim Sawatzky

**Fire Department:**

TJ Potrament  
Niki Dodge  
Eric Coen  
Nick Peltier  
Scott Olson

**Lent Town Board:**

Rick Keller  
Troy Nelson  
Brian Seekon  
Carolyn Cagle  
Jess Eischens

**ADJOURN**

**B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. C. Cagle seconded the motion.  
By a roll call vote, motion passed for Lent.**

**M. Utecht declared the meeting adjourned for Stacy at 7:40 pm.**

**The next Joint Powers meeting is Monday, June 7, 2021. Stacy will preside.**

**Council/Board Present**

Mark Utecht  
Tim Sawatzky  
Jennie Carlson  
Marie Lawrence  
Brian Seekon  
Troy Nelson  
Carolyn Cagle  
Jess Eischens  
Rick Keller

**Fire Fighters Present**

TJ Potrament  
Scott Olson  
Nick Peltier  
Niki Dodge  
Eric Coen

**Others Present**

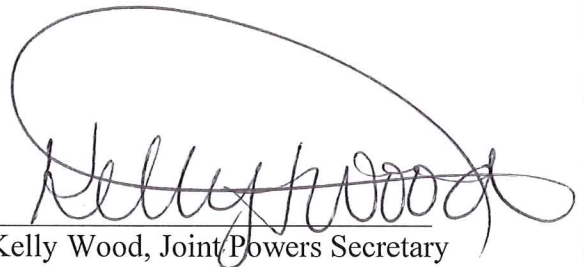
Becky Schule



Mark Utecht, Mayor



Rick Keller, Board Chair



Kelly Wood, Joint Powers Secretary

